

## DESCRIPTIVE ABSTRACT

Use of particular fatty substances which make it possible to modify the physicochemical properties of the skin and/or the mucous membranes as agents preventing or reducing the adhesion of microorganisms to the latter

The present invention relates to the use, as active ingredient, in a cosmetic composition or for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition, of an effective quantity of at least one fatty substance free of carbohydrate units, having a melting point of less than 35°C and having an interfacial tension of between 6 and 27 mN/m, modifying the physicochemical properties of the surface of the skin and/or of the mucous membranes so as to prevent or reduce the adhesion of microorganisms to the latter.

the first time in the history of the world, the *whole* of the human race, in all its parts, has been brought together, and is now in a condition to act as one man.